



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
 Isao NOJIRI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 5313
 Application No.: 10/648,390 : Group Art Unit: 2836
 Filed: August 27, 2003 : Examiner: Danny Nguyen

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH PROTECTION CIRCUIT PROTECTING INTERNAL CIRCUIT FROM STATIC ELECTRICITY
 Mail Stop Amendment
 Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.
 Applicant is entitled to small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27
 Also attached:

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	5	20	0	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent Claims	3	3	0	\$88.00 =	\$0.00
Multiple claims newly presented					\$0.00
Fee for extension of time					\$0.00
					\$0.00
Total of Above Calculations					\$0.00

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In response to the Office Action dated September 10, 2004, the following remarks are submitted.

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 5 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 stand rejected. Claim 3 stands under objection solely for its dependence from a rejected parent claim. Claim 3 has been indicated otherwise to be allowable. Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1, 2 and 4 have been rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. patent 6,649,944 (Ker), as set forth at paragraph 1 of the Office Action. It is well settled that anticipation, under 35 U.S.C. § 102, requires that each element of a claim in issue be found, either expressly described or under principles of inherency, in a single prior art reference. *Kalman v.*